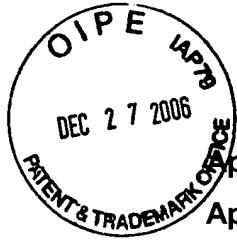


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**SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

This submission is in reply to the Final Office Action dated June 22, 2006. A Petition for Extension of Time and a Request for Continued Examination accompany this submission. As requested with the Petition and in the Request, please charge deposit account number 502023 the amount of \$1,020.00 for the fee for the extension of time and the amount of \$790.00 for the cost of the request for continued examination, for a total charge of \$1,810.00. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above-numbered deposit account.

The applicant requests reconsideration and further evaluation of the above-referenced application in view of the following remarks.